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Cropsey and Newell Announce City of Portland Grant

Money will be used for downtown planning

LANSING- Senator Alan Cropsey, R- DeWitt, and Representative Gary Newell, R-Saranac, today announced the City of Portland will receive a \$20,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

The funds from the grant will be used for a downtown market analysis, an analysis of existing buildings for a “best-use” strategy, and the feasibility for second floor housing in existing buildings in the downtown.

“I am glad the Michigan Economic Development Corporation recognized the need for this funding,” Cropsey stated. “This is further evidence that positive things occur when state and local governments work together.”

“It is so exciting to see the City of Portland receive this opportunity to expand and update the downtown,” Newell added. “This is our chance to make Portland an even better place to live.”

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation will present Portland Mayor Marion Hilligan with the grant of \$20,000.